

A wide-angle, nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Los Angeles, with numerous skyscrapers and city lights glowing against a dark sky. The image serves as a background for the workshop title.

# SUMMER PRE-DOCTORAL WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

INTERESTED IN TRANSFORMING CITIES THROUGH RESEARCH AND TEACHING?  
CONSIDER A PHD IN URBAN PLANNING.

**UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, USC Price School of Public Policy, and  
the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning**  
**Summer Pre-Doctoral Workshop for Students of Color Application**

Our world is changing, and urban planning can lead the way. In an increasingly diverse and globalized world, urban planners work to create communities that are economically thriving, socially just, and environmentally sustainable. A doctoral degree in planning can prepare you to link new knowledge to issues that affect communities and policy-making worldwide.

To introduce planning doctoral study to selected outstanding students, the planning programs at UCLA and USC, in partnership with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, will host a four-day workshop to prepare students to apply to and succeed in doctoral programs. Students from minority groups that are under-represented on planning faculties are particularly encouraged to apply.\*

The workshop will be held on the UCLA and USC campuses, in Los Angeles, July 20-24, 2014. Registration and instructional materials will be provided at no cost, lodging and meals will also be provided at no cost, and travel stipends are available for students coming from outside of California. For more information, visit <http://priceschool.usc.edu/predoctoralworkshop/>

**Required Application Documents:**

1. Application form
2. Narrative questions
3. Resume
4. Writing sample
5. Transcript(s)
6. Faculty reference form – Faculty will submit separately

**Important Dates:**

Application Deadline: Friday, April 25

Notification of Application Status: Week of May 12

Program Dates: July 20-24, 2014

\*Groups that are under-represented on planning faculties include: African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders.

**Application Submission Instructions:**

1. Submit application documents as one PDF file labeled with the first and last name.
2. Email the complete application to: [acsppredoc@gmail.com](mailto:acsppredoc@gmail.com)

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### PART 1: Application Form

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name:			
Current address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Email:		Phone #:	
Race/Ethnicity:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Date of Birth:	
EDUCATION 1			
Undergraduate Institution:			
City:		State:	
Major:	Degree Awarded: <input type="checkbox"/> BA <input type="checkbox"/> BS <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Grad Semester:	Year:	GPA:	
SAT Critical Reading Score:	SAT Mathematics Score:	SAT Writing Score:	
EDUCATION 2			
Graduate Institution:			
City:		State:	
Major:	Degree Awarded:		
Grad Semester:	Year:	GPA:	
GRE Verbal Score:	GRE Quant Score:	GRE Writing Score:	

Note: The SAT and GRE self-reported scores are optional. Please leave blank if you have not taken the SAT or GRE

### PART 2: Narrative Questions

Please type your responses on a separate sheet, in not more than 500 words per question.

1. Describe your motivation for pursuing a Ph.D. degree. Include a description of your career goals and how a Ph.D. in planning will advance your career goals.
2. Describe a research project that you might pursue in a Ph.D. program. As appropriate, reference the relevant literature, scholarly ideas or traditions that your research would advance, and research methods that you anticipate using.

### PART 3: Resume

Please attach your resume.

### PART 4: Writing Sample

Please attach your writing sample. Your writing sample should be an academic paper that showcases your writing skills and should be no longer than 15 pages.

### PART 5: Transcript(s)

Please attach an unofficial transcript from your undergraduate institution and if applicable, your graduate institution.

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### PART 6: Faculty Reference

FACULTY INFORMATION		
Name:	Title:	
Institution:		
Institution Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email:	Phone #:	
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email:	Phone #:	

The student named above is applying to a pre-doctoral workshop which will be hosted by the planning programs at UCLA and USC. This workshop is a collaboration with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). We seek your insight into the applicant's ability.

- Do you believe this applicant is a strong fit with a scholarly career?  
☐ Strongly Agree   ☐ Agree   ☐ Disagree
- Admission to the Summer Minority Pre-Doctoral Workshop is:  
☐ Strongly Recommended   ☐ Recommended   ☐ Recommended with Reservations

**Please provide your assessment of this applicant in a letter, responding to the following questions:**

- Discuss the applicant's aptitude for Ph.D. research. Describe whether and how the applicant will likely be able to thrive in a doctoral research environment, including intellectual curiosity, analytic and communication skills, and, importantly, an ability to make progress on research questions in a self-directed manner.
- Discuss how well this applicant understands Ph.D. education and the implications of a research career? Are there indications that this applicant can excel in research, as opposed to (or in addition to) a career in practice?
- Discuss the specific strengths of the applicant as a candidate for Ph.D. education.
- What elements in a short 4 day pre-doctoral program would most benefit this applicant? This will assist us in developing the program.

**Faculty – Please directly email your reference to [acsppredoc@gmail.com](mailto:acsppredoc@gmail.com)**

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For questions, please contact Jennifer Choy or Julie Kim:

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